



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 7, 2021 / 11:53 p.m.
Incident: 2021-713845
Location: 5600 West Happy Valley Road
Suspect: Dustin Weaver, 34-years-old
Injury: Critical

Officer Involved: Kristopher Bertz, 36-years-old with 13 years of service

Aggravated Assault Investigation / Officer-involved Shooting

On May 7, 2021, at about 11:26 p.m., a patrol sergeant observed a suspicious vehicle northbound in the area of 35th Avenue and Peoria Avenue. As he positioned himself behind the vehicle, the driver, pointed a long gun out the window and fired one round in an unknown direction.

The sergeant broadcast the information and Glendale police advised the vehicle was used in an armed robbery near 59th Avenue and Cactus Road. Officers initiated a pursuit and then transitioned into a tactical surveillance using the air unit and the Tactical Support Bureau.

At about 11:53 p.m., an officer assigned to the Special Assignments Unit used a vehicle immobilization device known as a "Grappler" to stop the vehicle at 5600 West Happy Valley Rd. As the vehicle stopped, officers gave verbal commands to the suspect. The suspect raised a gun toward one of the officers and the officer fired his service weapon striking the suspect.

After the shooting, a less lethal munition was deployed into the vehicle to ensure it was safe to approach. Then, officers removed the suspect from the vehicle and began life saving measures until Phoenix Fire arrived on scene and transported him to a local hospital in critical condition.

A shotgun was recovered from inside the vehicle.

There were no injuries to any officers or any other community members.

The investigation is ongoing.